

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 17, 18, 47, 49-51, 53-58, 63 and 64 were examined in the Office Action under reply.<sup>1</sup> Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of all of the previous rejections.

The claims now stand rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,117,983. Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer over the '983 patent. Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested. Applicants are also submitting a voluntary Terminal Disclaimer over related Patent Application Serial No. 09/564,414.

Applicants also request to be informed of the status of the Request to Correct Inventorship filed November 10, 2003.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants note the Office Action states claims 1-12, 17, 18, 47-51, 53-58, 63 and 64 are pending. However, claims 2, 6 and 48 were cancelled in the response submitted September 16, 1998.

**CONCLUSION**

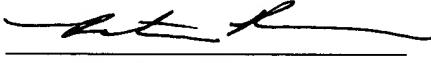
Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define a patentable invention. Accordingly, allowance is believed to be in order and an early notification to that effect would be appreciated.

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